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SUBJECT: CHINA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- 1. AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF ADB ANNUAL MEETING APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN, PAKISTAN ACTING GOVERNOR A.G.N.KAZI CONCLUDED HIS FORMAL SPEECH WITH THE STATEMENT THAT "IT IS A PITY THAT WE DO NOT FIND IN THE ADB THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVES OF THAT GREAT ASIAN COUNTRY, CHINA." CITING THE UNGA RESOLUTION THAT PRC ARE THE ONLY LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVES OF CHINA AND EXPELLING "REPRESENTATIVES OF CHIANG KAISHEK" FROM UN AND ALL RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, KAZI CONCLUDED: "MY DELEGATION WOULD URGE THAT ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS RESOLUTION TO RECTIFY THE ERROR OF THE PRESENT SITUATION WITHOUT DELAY."
- 2. NO OTHER MENTION OF CHINA ISSUE WAS MADE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THIS STATEMENT.
- 3. FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING, STATE AND TREASURY DELEGATION MEMBERS MET BRIEFLY WITH KAZI AT OUR REQUEST TO DISCUSS HIS STATEMENT. WE EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN OVER THE GOP STATEMENT, EMPHASIZED US POSITION

AND REASONING ON THIS ISSUE, AND INQUIRED GOP INTENTION BEHIND STATEMENT. KAZI STATED THAT IN DEFERENCE TO THE US POSITION AND BECAUSE THE GOP DID NOT WISH TO "OBSTRUCT" THE BANK, HIS STATEMENT WAS MADE DELIBERATELY AT THE END OF HIS SPEECH AND "LOW KEY," AND DID NOT REQUIRE ANY SPECIFIC ACTION. HE OBSERVED THAT IF GOP HAD WISHED SPECIFIC ACTION, IT WOULD HAVE RAISED ISSUE EARLIER IN THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE. KAZI SAID THE GOP POSITION WAS THAT ADB WAS RELATED TO AND SHOULD FOLLOW UN BUT IT RECOGNIZED THAT OTHERS, AND BANK ITSELF, MIGHT HAVE DIFFEREENT VIEW. HE SAID THE GOP WOULD MAKE NO PROCEDURAL FOLLOW-UP TO HIS FORMAL STATEMENT. US OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT UPCOMING IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETINGS, POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS ON AID FUNDING REQUESTS PENDING IN CONGRESS, AND THEREFORE USG STRONG DESIRE TO AVOID THE POLITICIZATION OF THESE INSTITUTIONS WHICH WOULD OCCUR IF ROC WERE FORMALLY CHALLENGE. KAZI REPEATED GOP DESIRE NOT TO BE "OBSTRUCTIONISTS".

- 4. LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS ON APRIL TWENTY-FIVE IMPLYING AN INTEREST OF BANGLADESH IN THIS ISSUE PROVED UPON CHECKING WITH WITH GBD DELEGATION TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY MANUFACTURED BY JOURNALISTS BASED ON NON-COMMITAL RESPONSES BY GBD GOVERNOR AT AIRPORT IN RESPONSE TO PERSISTENT PRESS QUESTIONING.
- 5. GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE, IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION, RE-EMPHASIZED STRONG FRG OPPOSITION TO EXPELLING ROC IN ABSENCE OF PRC INTENTION TO ASSUME FULL OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

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